

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of WILLIAM L. COURTNEY, entitled: GARMENT INTEGRATED MULTI-CHAMBERED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE OR LIFE JACKET, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/827,831, filed 04/06/01, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/641,932, filed 08/18/00, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/618,333, filed 07/18/00 including specification, abstract, and claims totaling 120 pages.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 69 sheet(s) of ☐ formal, ☒ informal drawing(s).
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to
- ☐ a certified copy of a application.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, ☐ Form PTO-1449.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Executed Declaration by the Inventor.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

☒ **CLAIMS AS FILED SMALL ENTITY**

|                                |              |          |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Basic Filing Fee               |              | \$355.00 |
| Total Claims 5 - 20 = excess 0 | x \$9.00 =   | \$0.00   |
| Indep Claims 1 - 3 = excess 0  | x \$40.00 =  | \$0.00   |
| Multiple Dependent Claims      | x \$135.00 = | \$0.00   |
| =====                          |              |          |
| TOTAL                          |              | \$355.00 |


☐ **CLAIMS AS FILED OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY**

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| Basic Filing Fee           |              | \$710.00 |
| Total Claims - 20 = excess | x \$18.00 =  | \$       |
| Indep Claims - 3 = excess  | x \$80.00 =  | \$       |
| Multiple Dependent Claims  | x \$270.00 = | \$       |
| =====                      |              |          |
| TOTAL                      |              | \$       |

- ☐ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail Label No. EL619443449US.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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- ☐ Charge the amount of \$ as filing fee.
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For : GARMENT INTEGRATED MULTI-CHAMBERED  
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JACKET  
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(H)(i)**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b).

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Date: August 22, 2001